## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grapevine Police Department Vehicle & Identity Theft Prevention







## AND Child Passenger Safety Seat Inspection/Installation Event

On Saturday, June 5th between 10 am and 2 pm, the Grapevine Police Department in conjunction with Data Shredding Services, will offer residents the opportunity to have unwanted confidential documents properly discarded and shredded free of charge across the street from the Police Department, 307 W Dallas Road. The Police Department will also be conducting VIN Etching and Child Passenger Safety Seat Inspections/Installations at the event.

VIN etching is a countermeasure to motor vehicle theft. VIN Etching involves the Vehicle's Identification Number (VIN) to be permanently etched into the major windows. This service is free of charge for Grapevine residents. By etching the VIN on important parts of the vehicle, you make your vehicle less attractive. Thieves would need to replace the glass before selling the stolen vehicle, thus reducing or eliminating their profit. VIN etching may also entitle you to an auto insurance premium discount.

Texas ranks number two in the nation in auto theft, with a vehicle stolen approximately every five minutes. Historically, the top five consistently stolen vehicles in Texas are Dodge, Chevrolet and Ford pickups, Honda Accords and Honda Civics.

Child Passenger Safety Seat Inspection enables parents and caregivers to receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and seat belts. Children in Texas who are under 8 years old who are not yet 4'9" tall are required by law to ride in a booster seat or other approved car seat.

Please allow us to help ensure your children's car seat is secured correctly. We will have coloring books for the kiddos, stickers, giveaways and safety literature.

For additional information, please contact, Senior Officer Scott Rhodes at 972-724-2126, Jason Keller at 817-421-2192, or Johnny Jones at 817-410-3209.